

### **III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached Replacement Sheets of drawing figures includes changes to Figs. 9 and 12. These Replacement Sheets of drawing figures are based on the disclosure of the foreign priority application, i.e., Japanese Application No. 2002-334124 and the description in the specification of the present application for Figure 9 as well as the disclosure of the foreign priority Japanese Application and Figure 14 of the co-pending Application No. 10/697,942 which is referred to on page 44 of the specification as Docket No. SHO-0019, Gaming Machine, being filed on October 31, 2003, the filing dated of the present application, and expressly being incorporated into the present application by reference. The foreign priority application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 26, 2004, along with a certified copy of the original foreign application

### **V. REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Weiss (U.S. Patent No. 6,164,645). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Weiss teaches a gaming machine that includes a housing, a plurality of mechanical reels and a video display. The housing defines a hollow interior and has a front rotatable panel which has a first hinge allowing access to a video display. The video display is supported on a second hinge allowing rotation and exposing the hollow interior. The plurality of mechanical reels is mounted in an interior of the gaming machine. Each reel has annular contour and is oriented in side-by-side relationship such that collectively outer surfaces of the reels generally define a cylinder and the video display has an angled surface placed adjacent the reels. The video display has a substantially planar front and rear surfaces and a periphery extending between the surfaces including one peripheral side adjacent the reels. The one side has an angled wall spaced from the reels by a minimum clearance to allow rotation of the reels but orienting the video display immediately adjacent the reels.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as now amended, eliminates the §102 rejection because the LCD 20 of Weiss is attached to the cabinet by the hook 44 and the hook hole 46 to be displaceable in horizontal direction but not in upward direction. The LCD 20 of Weiss could not be retained in the attached position without securing the connection between the hook 44 and the hook hole 46 by some further means, whereas the part could be retained in the attached position by the hook and the hook hole due to the gravitational force.

As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each and every element of claim 1 as now amended. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as now amended, is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied to these claims is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 4-14 include features not shown in the applied art.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

Furthermore, for any instances in which the Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicants expressly do not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully request that the Examiner provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the

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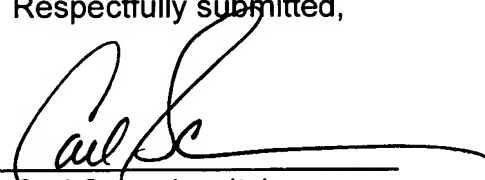
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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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                            Petition for Extension of Time (3 months)  
                            Replacement Sheets of Drawing Figures 9 and 12  
                            Annotated Sheets of Drawing Figures 9 and 12

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FIG. 12

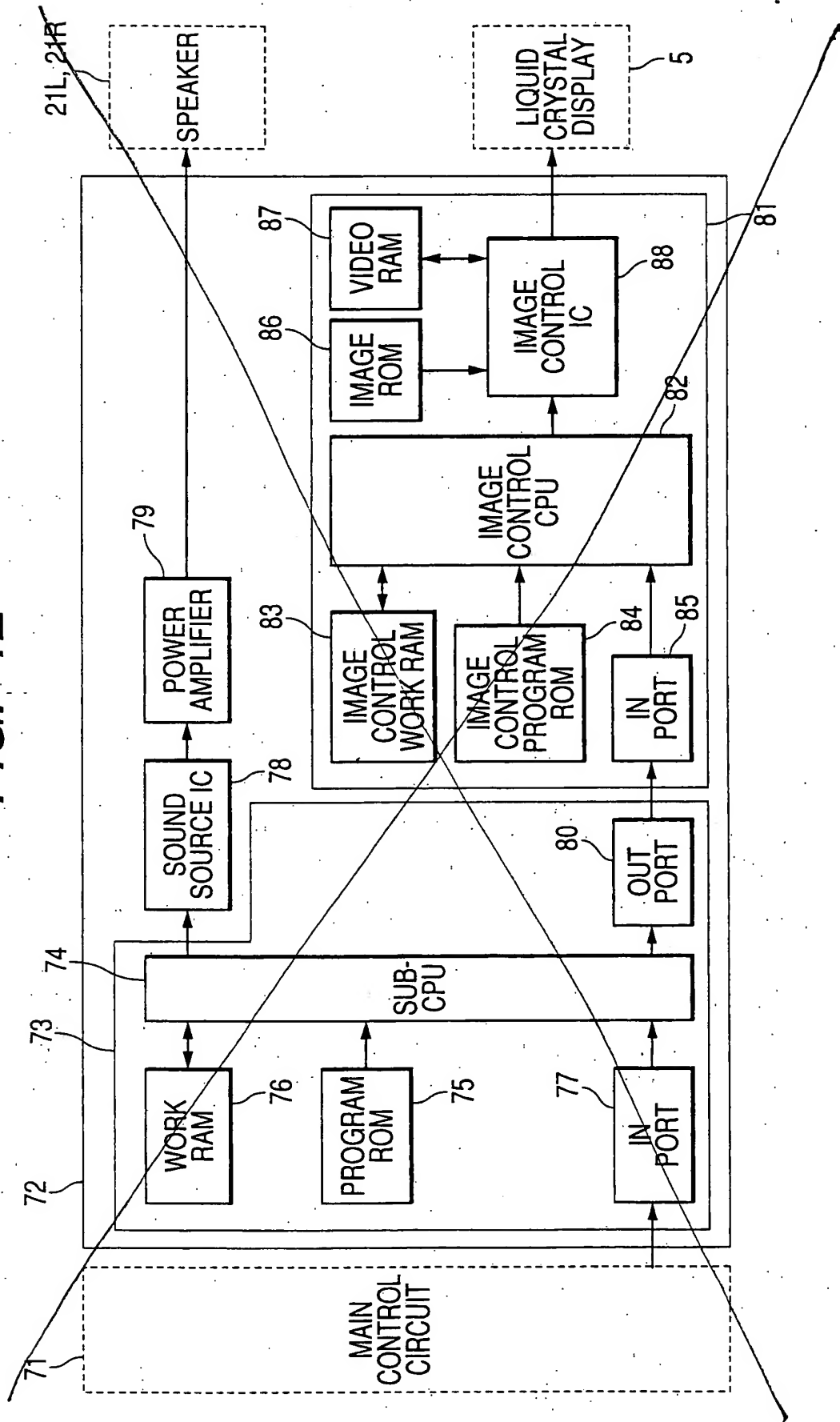


FIG. 9

